

14. (Twice Amended) A catheter unit comprising:

a housing removeably coupled to a tubular introducer sheath, the tubular introducer sheath having a proximal end, a distal end, and a hollow lumen extending longitudinally therethrough;

a needle having a sharpened distal tip and a hollow bore extending longitudinally therethrough, the needle being disposed coaxially within the lumen of the introducer sheath;

an elongated blunting member having a hollow lumen extending longitudinally therethrough and having an open proximal end adjacent to a flash chamber and a blunt distal tip, the elongated blunting member being disposed coaxially within the bore of the needle;

the blunting member being axially moveable from a non-blunting position wherein the blunt distal tip of the blunting member is positioned within the bore of the needle a spaced distance proximal to the sharpened distal tip of the needle, to a distally advanced blunting position wherein the blunt distal tip of the blunting member protrudes out of and beyond the sharpened distal tip of the needle;

a moveable member coupled to the blunting member to engage an outer surface of the introducer sheath and to advance the blunting member to the distally advanced blunting position when the sheath is removed; and

a porous member which is coupled to the housing.

Please add the following claim:

19. (New) The catheter of claim 14, wherein the porous member has a porosity that ranges from about 35% to about 55%.

REMARKS

In response to the above-mentioned Final Office Action, claim 14 is requested to be amended. Claim 19 is requested to be added. Therefore, claims 14-19 remain in the application to be examined.